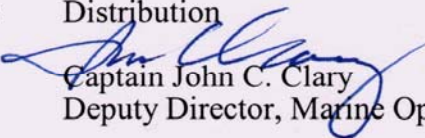




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MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution  
FROM:  Captain John C. Clary  
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SUBJECT: Implementation of an Environmental Management System

NOAA has made the commitment to implement an Environmental Management System (EMS) throughout the organization. Over the next several months, this facility will be implementing an EMS based on the Code of Environmental Management Principles (CEMP), in compliance with EO 13148 and in support of NOAA's Strategic Plan

The EMS will improve our environmental performance and increase our commitment to environmental stewardship. It will also help ensure compliance to regulatory requirements, a safer workplace and a sustainable environment.

In order to support this initiative, Jim Schell, the Environmental Compliance Specialist, has been designated as the Environmental Management Representative (EMR) for our facility. In this capacity, he will be responsible for implementing the NOAA EMS standard and for coordinating the actions needed to meet the requirements of the standard.

To ensure adequate personnel resources are devoted to this effort, I have directed that an EMS team be organized. The team will be drawn from all divisions and represent all segments of the facility. Jim will be contacting each of the division chiefs for assignments to the EMS team.

I would like our EMS to be fully implemented by December 31, 2002.

Your support in meeting this goal is appreciated. Thank you for your commitment.

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